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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
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In re: Messina et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1771

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 23, 2004

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Response to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action (the "Final Action") mailed June 23, 2004. Applicants provide the present Response pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.